2006 that "the urban transport being a State subject, legislation for operation and maintenance of metro rail systems falling within the jurisdiction of a municipal areas could be enacted by the State Government concerned".

The comments received from Hyderabad Metro Rail Corporation were also forwarded to Managing Director, DMRC.

Inter-State projects of NEC

1122. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission is yet to clear the two inter-State projects of North Eastern Council (NEC) (i) Strengthening of Lakhimpur College of Veterinary Science, (ii) Improvement of NLKB road along with construction of bridges over Lohit and Khabohu river in Assam;

(b) if so the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a proposal seeking early in-principle clearance of the above projects has been received by Planning Commission;

(d) if so, whether his Ministry would ensure early in-principle clearance of these two projects which are lingering from the Ninth Plan of NEC; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) to (e) The proposal for strengthening of Lakhimpur College of Veterinary Science is a State subject. The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region has asked the State Government to consider the option of funding Lakhimpur College of Veterinary Science from any of the following sources, namely, (a) Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (b) from State own resources (c) evolving a mechanism where in NEC and States of the region may fund it jointly.

The proposed bridges over Lohit and Khabohu river in Assam have been identified for phase-II of the NEC Roads.

Pedestrian safety on Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway

1123. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no safety provision for pedestrians were kept in mind while constructing Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon;

(c) the names of the contractors who had been awarded the contract of eight-laning of Delhi-Gurgaon stretch of National Highway No. 8 and for tool collection;